

Juvenile Justice Improvement Committee
Judicial Conference of Indiana

Minutes
January 7, 2005

The Juvenile Justice Improvement Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana met at the Indiana Judicial Center on Friday, January 7, 2005 from 12:00 noon until 3:30 p.m.

1. Members present. Robert R. Aylsworth, John Jay Boyce, W. Timothy Crowley, Brett J. Niemeier, Daniel L. Pflum, Charles F. Pratt, R. Paulette Stagg, and Mary R. Harper, chair.
2. Staff present. Jeffrey Bercovitz and Anne Jordan provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Minutes approved. The minutes for the meeting on November 5, 2004 were approved with the correction Paulette Stagg was present.
4. Guests present. Judge James W. Payne: Cathleen Graham, Executive Director, IARCCA; Bart Giesler, John J. Frick & Associates; and Lindsey Borschel, Division of State Court Administration were also present.
5. Recognition of Judge James W. Payne. Mary Harper, Chair, presented Judge Payne a certificate recognizing his work on the committee and service on behalf of children. Judge Payne thanked the committee and stated he will begin his new job as the Director of the Division of Family and Children's Services next week.
6. Presentation by Cathleen Graham, IARCCA.
 - a. Cathy Graham discussed the impact of SEA 1 enacted in December 2003 on the Family and Children's Fund budgets of Indiana's counties. She distributed the following:
 - (1) Memorandum about the impact of SEA 1 on the Family and Children's Fund (FCF) dated 12/2/04;
 - (2) Spreadsheet indicating the impact of the FCF of change in the maximum levies limit calculation for 2004;
 - (3) Letter from Lawrence Borst to William Crawford dated 10/19/04 concerning SEA 1;
 - (4) Brochure distributed to legislators;
 - (5) Chart indicating number of FCF excess levy requests;
 - (6) Spreadsheet of 2005 budget requests for the FCF;
 - (7) FCF comparison chart; and
 - (8) 2005 F&CF indicating excess levy requests.
 - b. Cathy Graham gave an update on the recommendations of the Commission on Abuse and Neglect. She noted not all counties place CHINS and Delinquents on Medicaid who are eligible for this program.
 - c. Cathy Graham distributed a brochure about a conference dealing with sex offending youth.
7. Recent legislation. Committee members reviewed HB 1140, 1172, 1197, 1198, 1217, 1265 and Senate Bills 103, 119, 143, 155, 160, and 175.

8. Administrative Rule 9. Jeffrey Bercovitz distributed Administrative Rule 9 and Trial Rule 5 (G) to committee members. Committee members discussed the requirement of the use of light green paper for confidential information in juvenile court records. They agreed since the entire adoption, paternity, CHINS and termination files are confidential white paper may be used. For files, which may contain a mix of confidential and open records, e.g. crime delinquents, light green paper should be used for the confidential portions. The members of the committee also agreed the Juvenile Benchbook Committee should look at the impact of these rules on the various benchbook forms.

9. Commission on Juvenile Law report. Jeffrey Bercovitz reported the Commission on Juvenile Law distributed their report on Monday, Jan. 3, 2005 with a cover letter for judges and asked the Judicial Center to distribute it statewide. Committee members agreed to distribute the cover letter and report via email to all judicial officers with juvenile jurisdiction. They agreed the committee should urge review of the report and return of comments to them for compilation before forwarding them to the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute.

10. Other.

a. Training on Angel portal software. Committee members walked to the One North Capital Building for training by Lindsey Borschel, Division of State Court Administration on Angel Portal software.

b. Jeffrey Bercovitz distributed recent newspaper articles concerning juveniles to members of the committee.

11. Next meeting dates. Committee members agreed to meet again on the following dates: February 4, 2005; March 4, 2005; May 6, 2005; and June 3, 2005 all from 12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m. at the Indiana Judicial Center.

Respectfully submitted,

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